

## Vilas County Board of Canvass – Recount Minutes #1

**Date:** December 5, 2016

**Office to be Recounted:** President of the United States

### **Original Result:**

8169 Trump/Pence  
4770 Clinton/Kaine  
45 Castle/Bradley  
340 Johnson/Weld  
116 Stein/Baraka  
11 Moorehead/Lilly  
3 De La Fuente/Steinberg  
0 Fox/Kushner  
14 McMullin/Johnson  
0 Maturan/Munoz  
0 Schoebke/Mitchell  
1 Keniston/Taylor  
0 Kotlokoﬀ/Leamer  
0 Hoefling/Schulin  
0 Maldonado  
0 Soltysik/Walker  
143 Scattering  
13,612 Presidential votes cast

### **Canvass Board Members:**

David R. Alleman, Vilas County Clerk.

Carol Cady, declared Republican Party member. Appointed as an alternate member on 12/1/16. Regular Republican Party member could not attend recount due to family health issue.

Gary Milanowski, declared Democratic Party member. Appointed as an alternate member on 12/1/16. Regular Democratic Party member could not attend recount due to family health issue.

### **Other Personnel:**

Kim Olkowski, Vilas County Deputy Clerk

Cherie Adler, Administrative Assistant

Martha Milanowski, Vilas County Corporation Counsel

Ginger Schwanebeck, tabulator and retired Town Clerk

Shelly Sauvola, tabulator and Town Clerk/Treas.

Debra Brown, tabulator and City Clerk/Treas.

Lynn Bybee, Tabulator and Town of Land O' Lakes Clerk/Treas.

Margorie Hiller, tabulator and Town of Phelps Clerk/Treas.

Kathy Mitchell, Tabulator and Town of Conover Clerk/Treas.  
Ken Mitchell, tabulator  
Julie Priefer, tabulator and Town of Cloverland Clerk/Treas.

**Others Present:**

See attached list.

**Call to order and certification of compliance with the open meetings law:**

The Clerk called the Vilas County Board of Canvass to order at 8:34 A.M. The Clerk stated that the WEC was copied on the Board of Canvass recount notices. All Board of Canvass recount notices were also posted to the public as per Vilas County public notice policies. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**Recount Order and opening instructions by the Vilas County Clerk:**

The Clerk presented the WEC recount order. The Clerk then presented a list of instructions to the observers in attendance, the other Board of Canvass members and the tabulators.

**Administer oath of office to previously appointed Board of Canvass alternate members and tabulators:**

The Clerk administered the oath of office the previously appointed Board of Canvass alternate members and the tabulators.

**Determine method of ballot tabulation for the recount:**

The Clerk recommended to the Board of Canvass that a hand count be utilized to tabulate the ballot for all 15 reporting units. Motion by C. Cady, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Milanowski to utilize a hand count as the method of ballot tabulation for all 15 reporting units. All voted aye. Carried.

**Election observers – determine each candidates Primary Representative:**

The Clerk called for any Primary Representatives for the candidates to come forward. Deb Wilson identified herself as a representative of the Clinton campaign and asked to be recognized as the Primary Representative. She also presented written credentials from that campaign. The BOC accepted her credentials and recognized her as that candidate's Primary Representative. Suzanne Schmitz identified herself as a representative of the Stein campaign and asked to be recognized as the Primary Representative. She stated that she had signed up online to represent the Stein campaign but was not provided with any written credentials. As she was the only Stein representative in attendance, the BOC determined to recognize her as Primary Representative for that candidate. No other candidate representatives identified themselves.

**Determine allowable number of candidate's Secondary Representatives:**

The BOC discussed this issue and determined that, due to the scope of the recount, the space allotted and the low number of observers present, that one Secondary Representative would be allowed per candidate. Neither Primary Representative objected to that ruling. Clinton

campaign Primary Representative D. Wilson selected Lauri Gerlach as Secondary. As no other Stein campaign observers were present, S. Schmitz declined to select a Secondary.

**Conduct a recount of the November 8, 2016 Presidential Election:**

The BOC determined to begin the recount with the City of Eagle River. Findings and determinations are listed as follows.

**Name of Municipality:**

City of Eagle River Wards 1 thru 5

**Original Vote Totals for Reporting Unit:**

As listed on the BOC canvass reporting form

421	Trump/Pence
293	Clinton/Kaine
4	Castle/Bradley
30	Johnson/Weld
5	Stein/Baraka
1	Moorehead/Lilly
0	De La Fuente/Steinberg
0	Fox/Kushner
2	McMullin/Johnson
0	Maturan/Munoz
0	Schoebke/Mitchell
0	Keniston/Taylor
0	Kotlokoﬀ/Leamer
0	Hoefling/Schulin
0	Maldonado
0	Soltysik/Walker
9	Scattering

**Number of Voters from Registration List**

886

**Number of Absentee Ballot Applications:**

157

**Number of Absentee Ballots:**

From Inspector's Statement – 151

**Poll Book Irregularities:**

Both poll books were reviewed and tabulated. Several voter signatures were missing. 4 voter numbers were mismatched between the two books.

Count matched poll book total of 770 and Inspectors Statement of total voters 770.

**Rejected Absentee Ballot Certificate Envelopes – Corrective Action:**

No rejected absentee ballots.

**Review Used Absentee Ballot Certificate EL-122:**

Used absentee ballot certificates were tabulated and the count of 151 matched the Inspector's Statement. All used absentee ballot certificates were properly applied for and filled out. The used certificates were placed in bag number 61789 and sealed and signed.

**Examine Ballot Bag:**

The BOC examined two ballot bags numbered 2442 and 2436 and found them to be properly sealed and signed. The bags were then opened.

**Reconcile Ballot Count:**

A count of the number of ballots totaled 769. 1 ballot short of the poll book count and the Inspectors Statement. This ballot could not be located.

**Review Provisional Ballots Cast:**

None cast

**Recount Vote Totals for Reporting Unit:**

421	Trump/Pence
293	Clinton/Kaine
4	Castle/Bradley
30	Johnson/Weld
5	Stein/Baraka
1	Moorehead/Lilly
0	De La Fuente/Steinberg
0	Fox/Kushner
3	McMullin/Johnson
0	Maturan/Munoz
0	Schoebke/Mitchell
0	Keniston/Taylor
0	Kotlokoﬀ/Leamer
0	Hoefling/Schulin
0	Maldonado
0	Soltysik/Walker
7	Scattering

764 presidential votes were tallied. 1 vote previously counted as scattering was found to be cast for McMullin/Johnson and was tabulated. There were 5 ballots with no presidential vote. As the tally for the individual candidates matched the Canvass Statement, with the exception of the McMullin/Johnson vote, the BOC determined that the missing ballot was in all probability cast as a write-in and originally tabulated as scattering. The ballots were placed into 2 bags numbered 61808 and 61821 and sealed and signed. The City of Eagle River recount concluded

at 9:51 A.M. The BOC then determined to recount the Town of Arbor Vitae, beginning at 10:04 A.M.

**Name of Municipality:**

Town of Arbor Vitae

**Original Vote Totals for Reporting Unit:**

1235	Trump/Pence
726	Clinton/Kaine
7	Castle/Bradley
45	Johnson/Weld
24	Stein/Baraka
0	Moorehead/Lilly
0	De La Fuente/Steinberg
0	Fox/Kushner
0	McMullin/Johnson
0	Maturan/Munoz
0	Schoebke/Mitchell
0	Keniston/Taylor
0	Kotlokoﬀ/Leamer
0	Hoefling/Schulin
0	Maldonado
0	Soltysik/Walker
19	Scattering

**Number of Voters from Registration List**

2413

**Number of Absentee Ballot Applications:**

680

**Number of Absentee Ballots:**

From Inspector's Statement - 670

**Poll Book Irregularities:**

Both poll books were reviewed and tabulated. 1 voter number was missing in one book. Count matched poll book total of 2073 and Inspectors Statement of total voters 2073.

**Rejected Absentee Ballot Certificate Envelopes – Corrective Action:**

2 rejected ballots were examined and found to be rejected properly.

**Review Used Absentee Ballot Certificate EL-122:**

Used absentee ballot certificates were tabulated and the count of 670 matched the Inspector's Statement. All used absentee ballot certificates were properly applied for and filled out. The used certificates were replaced into the box that they came in.

**Examine Ballot Bag:**

The BOC examined two ballot bags numbered 61785 and 61786 and found them to be properly sealed and signed. The bags were then opened.

**Reconcile Ballot Count:**

A count of the number of ballots totaled 2073, matching the poll book count and the Inspectors Statement.

**Review Provisional Ballots Cast:**

None cast

**Recount Vote Totals for Reporting Unit:**

1235	Trump/Pence
726	Clinton/Kaine
7	Castle/Bradley
45	Johnson/Weld
24	Stein/Baraka
0	Moorehead/Lilly
0	De La Fuente/Steinberg
0	Fox/Kushner
5	McMullin/Johnson
0	Maturan/Munoz
0	Schoebke/Mitchell
0	Keniston/Taylor
0	Kotlokkoff/Leamer
0	Hoefling/Schulin
0	Maldonado
0	Soltysik/Walker
14	Scattering

2056 presidential votes were tallied. This amount matched the Canvass Statement. 5 votes previously counted as scattering were found to be cast for McMullin/Johnson and were so tabulated. The ballots were placed into 2 bags numbered 61809 and 61810 and sealed and signed. The Arbor Vitae recount concluded at 11:50 A.M.

**Recount Recessed or Adjourned:**

At 11:50 A.M. the BOC determined to recess until no later than 1:00 P.M. The BOC reconvened at 12:56 P.M. and determined to recount the Town of Lac du Flambeau.

**Name of Municipality:**

Town of Lac du Flambeau Wards 1 thru 7

**Original Vote Totals for Reporting Unit:**

591	Trump/Pence
762	Clinton/Kaine
4	Castle/Bradley
36	Johnson/Weld
26	Stein/Baraka
2	Moorehead/Lilly
0	De La Fuente/Steinberg
0	Fox/Kushner
1	McMullin/Johnson
0	Maturan/Munoz
0	Schoebke/Mitchell
0	Keniston/Taylor
0	Kotlokkoff/Leamer
0	Hoefling/Schulin
0	Maldonado
0	Soltysik/Walker
18	Scattering

**Number of Voters from Registration List**

1968

**Number of Absentee Ballot Applications:**

363

**Number of Absentee Ballots:**

From Inspector's Statement - 355

**Poll Book Irregularities:**

Both poll books were reviewed and tabulated. 6 voter numbers were mismatched between the two books. 7 voter signatures were missing. Tabulation of poll book totaled 1437 but did not match Inspectors Statement of total voters 1443.

**Rejected Absentee Ballot Certificate Envelopes – Corrective Action:**

1 rejected ballot was examined and found to be rejected properly.

**Review Used Absentee Ballot Certificate EL-122:**

Used absentee ballot certificates were tabulated and the count of 355 matched the Inspector's Statement. 5 used absentee ballot certificates were found to have been witnessed in an extended care facility by 2 Lac du Flambeau election workers. The 2 election workers neglected

to fill in their addresses. The BOC determined to take no corrective action. The used certificates were placed in bag number 61859 and sealed and signed.

**Examine Ballot Bag:**

The BOC examined two ballot bags numbered 61830 and 61829 and found them to be properly sealed and signed. The bags were then opened.

**Reconcile Ballot Count:**

A count of the number of ballots totaled 1443. This number matched the Inspector's Statement but was greater than the poll book total of 1437. The number of ballots exceeded the poll book count by 6. The BOC determined to proceed with a drawdown of 6 votes. As the number of absentee voters matched the count of used absentee voter certificates, no draw down was made on that basis.

3 ballots were determined to be non-votes for presidential candidates and were removed from the count and set aside as LdF Exhibit 1.

1 ballot missing one of the required election inspector initials and was removed and set aside as LdF Exhibit 2.

All ballots were then returned to the 2 ballot bags from whence they came. One member each of the BOC removed one ballot from each bag at random. Both ballots were set aside as LdF Exhibit 3.

After drawing down 6 ballots, the ballot count now totaled 1437 and equaled the poll book count of 1437.

**Review Provisional Ballots Cast:**

None cast

**Recount Vote Totals for Reporting Unit:**

588	Trump/Pence
762	Clinton/Kaine
4	Castle/Bradley
36	Johnson/Weld
26	Stein/Baraka
2	Moorehead/Lilly
0	De La Fuente/Steinberg
0	Fox/Kushner
1	McMullin/Johnson
0	Maturan/Munoz
0	Schoebke/Mitchell
0	Keniston/Taylor
0	Kotlokoﬀ/Leamer
0	Hoefling/Schulin
0	Maldonado
0	Soltysik/Walker
18	Scattering



1437 presidential votes were tallied. The drawdown resulted in 3 less votes for Trump/Pence than originally canvassed. The ballots were placed into 2 bags numbered 61811 and 61812 and sealed and signed. The Town of Lac du Flambeau recount concluded at 3:05 P.M. The BOC then determined to recount the Town of Winchester, which began at 3:14 P.M.

**Name of Municipality:**

Town of Winchester

**Original Vote Totals for Reporting Unit:**

210	Trump/Pence
114	Clinton/Kaine
2	Castle/Bradley
7	Johnson/Weld
0	Stein/Baraka
0	Moorehead/Lilly
0	De La Fuente/Steinberg
0	Fox/Kushner
0	McMullin/Johnson
0	Maturan/Munoz
0	Schoebke/Mitchell
0	Keniston/Taylor
0	Kotlokoﬀ/Leamer
0	Hoefling/Schulin
0	Maldonado
0	Soltysik/Walker
4	Scattering

**Number of Voters from Registration List**

402

**Number of Absentee Ballot Applications:**

82

**Number of Absentee Ballots:**

From Inspector's Statement - 81

**Poll Book Irregularities:**

Both poll books were reviewed and tabulated. Several voter signatures were missing. Count matched poll book total of 342 and Inspectors Statement of total voters 342.

**Rejected Absentee Ballot Certificate Envelopes – Corrective Action:**

No rejected absentee ballots.

**Review Used Absentee Ballot Certificate EL-122:**

Used absentee ballot certificates were tabulated and the count of 81 matched the Inspector's Statement. All used absentee ballot certificates were properly applied for and filled out. The used certificates were placed in bag number 61813 and sealed and signed.

**Examine Ballot Bag:**

The BOC examined one ballot bag numbered 61788 and found it to be properly sealed and signed. The bag was then opened.

**Reconcile Ballot Count:**

A count of the number of ballots totaled 342, matching the poll book count and the Inspectors Statement.

**Review Provisional Ballots Cast:**

None cast

**Recount Vote Totals for Reporting Unit:**

210	Trump/Pence
114	Clinton/Kaine
2	Castle/Bradley
7	Johnson/Weld
0	Stein/Baraka
0	Moorehead/Lilly
0	De La Fuente/Steinberg
0	Fox/Kushner
0	McMullin/Johnson
0	Maturan/Munoz
0	Schoebke/Mitchell
0	Keniston/Taylor
0	Kotlokoﬀ/Leamer
0	Hoefling/Schulin
0	Maldonado
0	Soltysik/Walker
4	Scattering

342 presidential votes were tallied. This amount matched the Canvass Statement. The ballots were placed into 1 bag numbered 61814 and sealed and signed. The Town of Winchester recount concluded at 3:36 P.M.

**Recount Recessed or Adjourned:**

The BOC determined to recess the recount proceedings at 3:36 P.M. and to reconvene at 8:00 A.M. on Tuesday, December 6, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,  
David R. Alleman  
Vilas County Clerk